

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday: 10:30AM

—Opening Prayer  
—Lead Singing  
—Lord's Supper

Richard Hammock  
Randy Elliott  
Austin Henderson

—Scripture Reading  
—Lesson  
—Closing Prayer  
—Announcements

Tim Henderson  
Jack Elliott  
David Tiffin

### Sunday: 4 PM

—Opening Prayer  
—Lead Singing

Telford Hamm  
Randy Elliott

### Wednesday: 7 PM

—Lesson

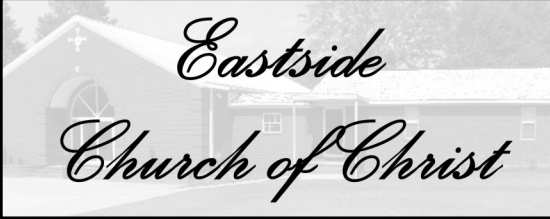
This weeks reading:  
**Luke 12-13**

Studies  
In  
Mark

Sunday at 9:30 AM

Bible  
Survey

Wednesday 7PM



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*"whatever is true, ... honorable, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"*  
Phil. 4:8 (ESV)

## *On Giving Hope*

By: Gary Henry —Wordpoints.com

*"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope"*  
1 Thessalonians 1:2,3

**Most of us have more influence that we think we have.** Human beings have an amazing power to affect one another, and there is not a one of us (no matter how "little" we think we are) who shouldn't be concerned about how we are affecting others. *Are we giving others hope or are we taking their hope away?*

When I read the opening of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian church, I am staggered by the thought that he

*We appreciate your presence here today. We extend an invitation for you to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

**TIMES OF SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 4:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Classes 7:00 PM

*If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, feel free to ask.*

*"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow;..." - Isa. 1:18*

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would express appreciation to *them* for the patience of *their* hope. Can it really be that Paul, the great apostle, needed the encouragement that came from the steadfast hopefulness of his hard-pressed brethren in Thessalonica? I like to think that that was the case.

In regard to the “together” part of Christianity, one of our most important mutual responsibilities is that of helping to keep hope alive in the hearts of our brothers and sisters. That should be no small part of what we try to accomplish when we assemble. *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”* (Hebrews 10:23,24).

Long ago, an older man gave me some advice. He said, “Gary, folks have enough fears of their own. So don’t share your fears — share your courage.” He made a good point. Yes, there is a time to discuss our doubts and questions and fears, but the main effect of ourselves upon others needs to be that they have a greater *hope*.

*Don't share your fears*  
—  
*Share your courage*

By the time these pages are published I will have lived almost three score years in this world. The longer I live, the more I am conscious of the need to have a hopeful impact on those with whom I have influence. I believe in telling the truth, as you well know, and I would never want to give anyone false hope. But when the final tally is made, I hope that I won’t have failed to encourage anyone who needed to be encouraged. It’s a fine thing to have hope, but I believe it is an even finer thing to *give* hope. That, above all, is what I want to do. And I’m confident that you do too.

*“If I can put one thought of rosy sunset  
into the life of any man or woman,  
I shall feel that I have worked with God”*

~George MacDonald~

## Luke 12-13

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K Y I A V S A F E A R R H W Y O F  
P Z M O F A I T H F U L D L X B F

Anxious  
Baptism  
Blessed  
Covetousness  
Division  
Donkey  
Faithful

Fear  
Fool  
Forsaken  
Hypocrites  
Jerusalem  
Kingdom  
Knock

Leaven  
Mustard  
Narrow  
Peace  
Perish  
Repent  
Solomon

*“Strive to enter through the narrow door.  
For many, I tell you, will seek to enter  
and will not be able.”*

~ Luke 10:41-42—ESV ~